



CHRIST  
*the King*  
SUNDAY

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:**

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!  
We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks and placed in the offering plate.

**The Service for the Lord's Day  
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Christ the King Sunday  
November 21, 2021 - 11:00 AM**

**GATHERING AND GREETING OF GODS PEOPLE**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L: God said, "This is my resting place forever,

**P: Here I will reside, for I have desired it."**

L: The Lord has chosen us; God desires to live among us.

**P: We are blessed to have God call us home.**

L: With God among us, we will be clothed with salvation;

**P: The faithful will shout for joy!**

L: With a faithful shout, we proclaim Christ our King!

**P: May the corners of the earth hear our voices proclaim:  
Jesus Christ is our King!**

Prayer of Invocation

We come this day, rejoicing,

in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ.

At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel,

God with us.

Today in this place, in this time of worship,

may we truly experience the power and presence of Jesus Christ,  
the King of Kings, in our lives.

May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim,

"All hail the power of Jesus' name and crown him Lord of all!"

Amen.

*All hail the power of Je-sus’ name!  
Let an-gels pros-trate fall;  
bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael’s race,  
ye ran-somed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe  
on this ter-res-trial ball  
to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all maj-es-ty as-cribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*O that with yon-der sa-cred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We’ll join the ev-er-last-ing song,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
We’ll join the ev-er-last-ing song,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

\* Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just  
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

\* Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God of all creation,  
before time and beyond space,  
we admit to our human limits  
as we try to imagine the reign of Truth  
that you envision for us.**

**When we follow worldly powers  
and stray from the good path  
you desire for all you have created,  
give us Jesus, King of the Jews.**

**Give us Jesus, O God—  
not a Jesus high and lifted up,  
but chained and arraigned by authorities  
with boldness to tell the truth.**

**Speak through our words and deeds,  
that your will may be done in our time.**

**Embolden us with the confidence  
that your reign will one day come.**

**Come, O Strong One, come. Amen.**

\* Words of Assurance

Even though we have often failed to recognize Jesus,  
the King of Kings, standing in our presence,  
there is eternal forgiveness and an opportunity again  
to acknowledge him; to listen to Him as he testifies to the truth;  
and to proclaim with our voices:

*“Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!”*

\* Sung Response      “THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC”

Julia Ward Howe

*(Refrain)*

*Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah!*  
*Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! His truth is march-ing on.*

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sovereign God, ruler of all creation,  
you sent Jesus to testify to the truth: that you alone are the Lord of life.  
Help us to listen with an open heart to the readings from Holy Scripture,  
so that we may proclaim his realm of justice, peace, and endless love  
through Christ, who reigns forever. Amen.

Readings from Holy Scripture

History	2 Samuel 23:1-5b	<i>(The Last Words of David)</i>	Pg. 286
Wisdom	Psalm 132:1-5	<i>(The Eternal Dwelling of God in Zion)</i>	Pg. 542
Gospel	John 18:33-38	<i>(Jesus before Pilate)</i>	Pg. 106

Sermon

“The TRUTH of the Matter Is...”

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith      “Apostles’ Creed”      Hymnal - pg. 35

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Minute for Mission

Finance Team

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*(With the words "Lord, in your mercy" you are invited to respond: "hear our prayer.")*

The King of Kings reveals himself unto us and opens our eyes,  
to reach out and touch Him, and say what we love him.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the church.  
As you have made Christ the head of all,  
help us to live faithfully as his body,  
continuing his mission in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the earth.  
Let all the earth make a joyful noise to you,  
a song of praise to the rock of our salvation,  
for you are coming to reveal a new creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for all nations.  
Drive out those wolves in sheep's clothing  
who abuse the weak and scatter the flock.  
Come and save us; bring justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for this community.  
Help us to see Christ among our neighbors,  
serving those who are hungry and thirsty,  
naked and lonely, sick or in prison.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for loved ones.  
Remember the people of your pasture:  
rescue the lost, bind up the broken, heal the sick,  
and feed those who hunger.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of Kings and Lord of Lord.

As you stand in our presence this morning and walk among us,  
reveal yourself unto us.

Open our ears and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, to say that we love him. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

With gratitude, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, receive our offering for the sake of Christ our Lord.  
Make us worthy stewards of your gifts  
and generous citizens of the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
through whom we pray. Amen.

## THE SENDING FORTH

Hymn No. 625    “O LORD MY GOD / HOW GREAT THOU ART”

*O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der  
con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,  
thy power through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played:*

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee:  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

*When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der  
and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees,  
when I look down from lof-ty moun-tain gran-deur  
and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze:*

*Refrain*

*And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,  
he bled and died to take a-way my sin:*

*Refrain*

*When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,  
and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"*

*Refrain*



\* Benediction

“He who comes, has already come in a very real way in our lives;  
but will continue to come to us as long as we stay open to Him.”

\* Postlude

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